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Dear Jay:

As I mention ded to you earlier, I am attempting to write a book about the Soviet space program based on my observations of it both in Moscow and here. The theme of the book is competition and cooperation in exploring space.

I would be most grateful if I could get a briefing from one of your experts on this subject. I am interested in the open discussion in the Soviet press about the role of man vs. automatic devices in space; in the claims which Khrushchev made for the Soviet space program and its actual achievements under his leadership; in the comments which the current leadership has made about the Soviet space program and its actual attainments; in the management of the Soviet space program as descernible in the Soviet press; in prospects for cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union in deep space exploration.

If you could help on any, or all, of these topics I would be very pleased.

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